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### House Panel Rejects Plan to Give Surveillance Power to White House

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The House Intelligence Committee today rejected a plan that would give the White House and the Attorney General the last word on whether electronic surveillance could be used against foreign powers or agents operating in the United States.

Thus, the committee gave tacit approval to a plan that would set up a special judicial panel that would screen requests from intelligence-gathering agencies for surveillance authority. This is the approach favored by the Carter Administration.

The vote came as the committee began to write legislation designed to both govern foreign intelligence-surveillance activities and to protect the rights of American citizens against illegal search and seizure. Similar legislation is awaiting floor action in the Senate.

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